

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

**FIDELITY AND GUARANTY \*  
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, \***  
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**PLAINTIFF, \***  
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v. Civil Action No. AMD-00-CV-2549  
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**TERRY W. HEPLER.** \*  
**PEACHTREE FINANCE CO., LLC** \*  
**SETTLEMENT FUNDING, LLC** \*  
**JACK WEBER** \*  
**BETTY WEBER, AND** \*  
**UNITED STATES FIDELITY** \*  
**AND GUARANTY COMPANY,** \*  
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**DEFENDANTS.** \*

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**USF&G's RESPONSE TO MOTION TO REOPEN CASE AND  
REMOVE STAY**

United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company (“USF&G”), a defendant and cross-claim plaintiff, responds to the Motion to Reopen Case and Remove Stay (Paper No. 33) filed by Peachtree Finance Company LLC and Settlement Funding LLC (collectively “Peachtree”) and states that it agrees with Peachtree’s request that the Court reopen the present case, remove the stay currently in place and enter a scheduling order.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT on this 22nd day of March, 2004, copies of the foregoing USF&G's Response to Motion to Reopen Case and Remove Stay were served by first class mail, postage prepaid upon:

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A copy of USF&G's Response to Motion to Reopen Case and Remove Stay will be served upon Elyse L. Strickland, counsel for Peachtree, via the Court's ECF system upon the filing of the document.

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